laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Sharad Pawar Committee

6123. SHRI JAGMOHAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the main recommendations made by the Sharad Pawar Committee on Power which was set up in accordance with a resolution of National Development Council;

(b) whether these recommendations were endorsed by the Union Government;

(c) the advice, tendered by the Union Government to the State Governments and State Electricity Boards, if any;

(d) the names of State Governments/State Electricity Boards which have accepted/followed the recommendations of the aforesaid Committee and advice of the Union Government; and

(e) the measures being taken to persuade the State Governments and State Electricity Board, which have not so far followed the recommendations made by the Committee ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (e) The recommendations of the Sharad Pawar Committee on Power Sector are presently under examination in the Planning Commission. The Report is to be placed before National Development Council by the Planning Commission after the implications are fully examined.

[Translation]

Terrorists in J&K

6124. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI :

SHRI NITISH KUMAR :

SHRIMATI KRISHNA BOSE :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether, after the formation of the new Government in Jammu and Kashmir the terrorists have again become active;

(b) if not, the reaction of the Government in this regard;

(c) the total number of innocent people killed in the State after the formation of democratic Government; and

(d) the comparative figures of violent incidents before and after the formation of the Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) and (b) There has been a marked decrease in the overall level of violence after the formation of an elected Government in J&K. However, efforts continue to be made by the terrorists and secessionist elements sponsored and supported from across the border, to keep up the violence through attacks on soft targets, indiscriminate use of explosive devices without regard to the lives of innocent civilians, efforts to enforce 'bandhs' and 'hartals', particularly when militants are killed, etc., in a bid to vitiate the atmosphere and to disrupt normal life and derail the political and democratic system in the State. The Government is fully seized of such designs and concerted and coordinated efforts are being made by all concerned to ensure that such activities are effectively contained.

(c) According to available information, 627 civilians were killed in terrorist activities during the period from 1 October 1996 to 15 April 1997.

(d) As against around 2700 incidents of terrorist violence during the six months period from 1st April 1996 to 30th September 1996, the number of incidents during the six months period from 1st October 1996 to 31st March 1997 was 1986.

Recovery of Loan

6125. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the comparative position of recovery of loans from industrial sector and agricultural sector as on April 30, 1997;

(b) whether in comparison to Agricultural sector more amount of loan is being disbursed to industrial sector; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMR) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent available.

U.S. Stand on Kashmir

[English]

6126. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT :

SHRI PRADIP BHATTACHARYA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the news-item captioned "U.S. remarks on Kashmir dangerous" as reported in the Times of India dated March 7, 1997;

(b) if so, whether the statement made by the spokesman on White House in the U.S. are dangerous; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a)